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(3) A Modified Standard Pattern shall be specifically labeled as such, and shall be plotted in accordance with the requirements of paragraph (b)(2) of § 73.150. The effective (RMS) field strength in the horizontal plane of $E(\phi, \alpha)_{std}$, $E(\phi, \alpha)_{th}$, and the root sum square (RSS) value of the inverse fields of the array elements (derived from the equation for $E(\phi, \alpha)_{th}$), shall be tabulated on the page on which the horizontal plane pattern is plotted. Where sector augmentation has been employed in designing the modified pattern, the direction of maximum augmentation (i.e., the central azimuth of augmentation) shall be indicated on the horizontal plane pattern for each augmented sector, and the limits of each sector shall also be shown. Field values within an augmented sector, computed prior to augmentation, shall be depicted by a broken line.

(4) There shall be submitted, for each modified standard pattern, complete tabulations of final computed data used in plotting the pattern. In addition, for each augmented sector, the central azimuth of augmentation, span, and radiation at the central azimuth of augmentation ($E(\phi, \alpha)_{aug}$) shall be tabulated.

(5) The parameters used in computing the modified standard pattern shall be specified with realistic precision. Following is a list of the maximum acceptable precision:

- (i) Central Azimuth of Augmentation: to the nearest 0.1 degree.
- (ii) Span: to the nearest 0.1 degree.
- (iii) Radiation at Central Azimuth of Augmentation: 4 significant figures.
- (d) Sample calculations for a modified standard pattern follow. First, assume the existing standard pattern in § 73.150(c). Then, assume the following augmentation parameters:

Augmentation number	Central azimuth	Span	Radiation at central azimuth
1	110	40	1,300
2	240	50	52
3	250	10	130

Following is a tabulation of part of the modified standard pattern:

Azimuth	0	30	60	Vertical angle
0	28.86	68.05	72.06

Azimuth	0	30	60	Vertical angle
105	1,299.42	872.14	254.21
235	39.00	35.74	38.71
247	100.47	66.69	32.78

[46 FR 11992, Feb. 12, 1981, as amended at 56 FR 64862, Dec. 12, 1991]

§ 73.153 Field strength measurements in support of applications or evidence at hearings.

In the determination of interference, groundwave field strength measurements will take precedence over theoretical values, provided such measurements are properly taken and presented. When measurements of groundwave signal strength are presented, they shall be sufficiently complete in accordance with § 73.186 to determine the field strength at 1 mile in the pertinent directions for that station. The antenna resistance measurements required by § 73.186 need not be taken or submitted.

[44 FR 36037, June 20, 1979, as amended at 56 FR 64862, Dec. 12, 1991]

§ 73.154 AM directional antenna partial proof of performance measurements.

(a) A partial proof of performance consists of at least 10 field strength measurements made on each of the radials established in the latest complete proof of performance of the directional antenna system.

(b) The measurements are to be made within 2 to 10 miles (3 to 16 kilometers) from the center of the antenna array. When a monitoring point as designated on the station authorization is on a particular radial, one of the radial measurements must be made at that point.

(c) The results of the measurements are to be analyzed in either of two methods. Either the arithmetic average or the logarithmic average of the ratios of the field strength at each measurement point along each radial to the corresponding field strength in the most recent complete proof of performance may be used to establish the inverse distance fields. (The logarithmic average for each radial is the antilogarithm of the mean of the logarithms of the ratios of field strength

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(new to old) for each measurement location along a given radial).

(d) The result of the most recent partial proof of performance measurements and analysis is to be retained in the station records available to the FCC upon request.

[50 FR 47054, Nov. 14, 1985]

§ 73.157 Antenna testing during daytime.

(a) The licensee of a station using a directional antenna during daytime or nighttime hours may, without further authority, operate during daytime hours with the licensed nighttime directional facilities or with a nondirectional antenna when conducting monitoring point field strength measurements or antenna proof of performance measurements.

(b) Operation pursuant to this section is subject to the following conditions:

(1) No harmful interference will be caused to any other station.

(2) The FCC may notify the licensee to modify or cease such operation to resolve interference complaints or when such action may appear to be in the public interest, convenience and necessity.

(3) Such operation shall be undertaken only for the purpose of taking monitoring point field strength measurements or antenna proof of performance measurements, and shall be restricted to the minimum time required to accomplish the measurements.

(4) Operating power in the nondirectional mode shall be adjusted to the same power as was utilized for the most recent nondirectional proof of performance covering the licensed facilities.

[50 FR 30947, July 31, 1985]

§ 73.158 Directional antenna monitoring points.

(a) When a licensee of a station using a directional antenna system finds that a field monitoring point, as specified on the station authorization, is no longer accessible for use or is unsuitable because of nearby construction or other disturbances to the measured field, an informal application to change the monitoring point location

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is to be promptly submitted to the FCC in Washington, DC. The application must include the following information:

(1) A partial proof of performance conducted on the radial containing the monitoring point to be changed.

(2) A written description of the routing to the new selected monitoring point.

(3) A map showing the location and routing to the new selected monitoring point.

(4) A photograph showing the new monitoring point in relation to nearby permanent landmarks that can be used in locating the point accurately at all times throughout the year. Do not use seasonal or temporary features in either the written descriptions or photographs as landmarks for locating field points.

(b) When the descriptive routing to reach any of the monitoring points as shown on the station license is no longer correct due to road or building construction or other changes, the licensee must prepare and file with the FCC, in Washington, DC, a request for a corrected station license showing the new routing description. A copy of the description is to be posted with the existing station license. The notification is to include the information specified in paragraphs (a) (2) and (3) of this section.

[47 FR 28387, June 30, 1982]

§ 73.160 Vertical plane radiation characteristics, $f(\theta)$.

(a) The vertical plane radiation characteristics show the relative field being radiated at a given vertical angle, with respect to the horizontal plane. The vertical angle, represented as θ , is 0 degrees in the horizontal plane, and 90 degrees when perpendicular to the horizontal plane. The vertical plane radiation characteristic is referred to as $f(\theta)$. The generic formula for $f(\theta)$ is:

$$f(\theta) = E(\theta)/E(O)$$

where:

$E(\theta)$ is the radiation from the tower at angle θ .

$E(O)$ is the radiation from the tower in the horizontal plane.

(b) Listed below are formulas for $f(\theta)$ for several common towers.